

REMARKS

In the prior Action, claims 1-30 were pending. Claims 1-30 remain pending and no new claims are added. Claims 1 and 13 have been amended. No new matter has been added.

Claims 1-6, 13-18, 25 and 28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Rivette (US Patent No. 6,389,434). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 1 and 13 recite, among other things, receiving an indication that an object in the page of the document is to be annotated and providing a window to a user having a portion for receiving an annotation of the object in the page of the document and having a portion allowing navigation to at least one other annotation of at least one other object.

Rivette does not teach or suggest, for example, a window having a portion for receiving an annotation of the object in the page of the document and having a portion allowing navigation to at least one other annotation of at least one other object. Rivette discloses a window having a “sub-notes” portion but does not teach or suggest the window having a portion allowing navigation to at least one other annotation of at least one other object. (See, e.g., Figure 8). Rivette discloses the window having a linking button (e.g., linking button 612 illustrated in Fig. 6B), however the linking button 612, for example, merely displays the selected text 602 linked to the corresponding sub-note (col. 15, lines 16-18). The linking button 612 does not allow navigation to at least one other annotation of at least one other object. Indeed, Rivette discloses that navigation from subnotes in a first note to sub-notes in a second note may be accomplished only via common data objects (Col. 11, lines 43-48) and that each sub-note 316 is linked to a data object 320 (col. 11, lines 55-57). Notably, Rivette does not disclose a window having a portion allowing navigation to at least one other annotation of at least one other object.

Because Rivette does not teach each and every aspect of the claim 1 and 13 invention, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection is improper and should be withdrawn.

Claims 2-6 and 14-18 depend from claims 1 and 13, respectively, and are allowable for at least the reasons set forth above for claims 1 and 13 and further in view of the novel features contained therein. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection should be withdrawn.

Claim 25 recites, among other things, a processor receiving an annotation and determining a file position of an object, and a storage device storing the annotation and file position of the object.

Rivette does not teach or suggest a processor receiving an annotation and determining a file position of an object. Rivette further does not teach or suggest a storage device storing the annotation and file position of the object. The Examiner relies on Rivette at col. 9, lines 58-68 and col. 10, lines 1-7 to provide this teaching, however, contrary to the Examiner's assertions, Rivette does not provide this teaching. Rivette discloses that the computer system includes a secondary memory and the secondary memory includes a hard disk drive and/or a removable storage drive which is read by or written to by a removable storage unit. (Col. 9, lines 58-65). From this disclosure, the Examiner concludes that the storage device "implicitly determines the file position of the object in order to access it." However, the storage device does not "implicitly determine" the file position as it is disclosed merely as having data read by and written to by a removable storage unit. There is no teaching or suggestion of determining a file position of an object as recited in claim 25. Nor is there any suggestion in Rivette to determine a file position of an object.

Rivette discloses the creation of notes and sub-notes but nowhere does Rivette teach or suggest determining a file position of an object. It is therefore respectfully submitted that the

storage device of Rivette would not "implicitly determine" a file position of an object in view of the complete lack of teaching of such and therefore, the rejection should be withdrawn.

Claim 28 depends from claim 25 and is allowable for at least the reasons set forth above for claim 25 and further in view of the novel features recited therein.

Claims 7-12, 19-24, 26-27 and 29-30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rivette (U.S. Pat. No 6,389,434). This rejection is respectfully traversed. Claims 7-12 depend from claim 1, claims 19-24 depend from claim 13 and claims 26-27 and 27-30 depend from claim 25 and are allowable for at least the reasons set forth above for claims 1, 13, and 25 and further in view of the novel features contained therein. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

Applicants respectfully submit that the instant application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner feels, however, that further amendment and/or discussion may be helpful in facilitating prosecution of the case, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney of record at the number appearing below.

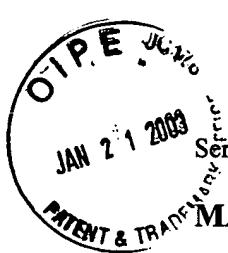
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In the Claims:

1. (Amended) A computer-implemented method for annotating a system having a display for displaying a non-modifiable page of a document having objects comprising the steps of:
receiving an indication that an object in the page of the document is to be annotated;
providing a window to [the] a user having a portion for receiving [the] an annotation of the object in the page of the document and having a portion allowing navigation to at least one other annotation of at least one other object.

13. (Amended) A computer-readable medium having a program stored thereon, said program for use with a display for displaying a non-modifiable page of a document having objects, said program comprising the steps of:
receiving an indication that an object in the page of the document is to be annotated;
providing a window to [the] a user having a portion for receiving [the] an annotation of the object in the page of the document and having a portion allowing navigation to at least one other annotation of at least one other object.